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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the entry of the National Stage, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491, in an International application. No fee or certification is required.

Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed International Search Report from corresponding International Application No. PCT/EP03/07593.

Published U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0113220 A1 corresponds to document WO 025,921, cited in the International Search Report.

Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. (Currently amended) The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. (Currently amended) The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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